1	2	3	4	5	6
15.	State Bank of Indore	..	..	1	3.26
16.	State Bank of Patiala	1	1.60	..	..
17.	State Bank of Saurashtra	..	..	1	0.11
18.	Syndicate Bank	..	..	1	1.00
19.	UCO Bank	10	9.59	8	108.21
20.	Union Bank of India	1	2.23	4	6.07
21.	United Bank of India	10	22.05	4	8.51
22.	Vijaya Bank	3	43.24	..	..
	TOTAL	86	200.37	65	245.85

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IMPORT OF GOLF EQUIPMENTS

2613. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that no golf equipment is manufactured in India and all golf equipment and balls have to be imported;

(b) whether such imports are allowed only by actual users on a payment of 100 per cent duty;

(c) if so, whether such a prohibibitive duty is not a disincentive to players in India; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to permit free import of golf equipments ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHNDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) :

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) and (c) As per the current EXIM Policy, import of golf clubs and balls is permitted only for specified classes of importers such as the Sports Authority of India, the Directorates of Sports of States|UTs, the Sports Control Boards|Federations|Associations, the Indian Golf Union or eminent sportspersons. The imports of such goods are subject to actual user condition.

As regards rates of duty, Government have already provided various schemes of duty exemptions to various classes of importers eligible to import the said goods. For instance, imports of golf clubs and balls by a renowned player attract 60 per cent duty and imports by specified importers under recommendation from the Director General of Tourism attract 30 per cent duty. Imports of golf clubs and balls by a National Sports Federation for use in competitions, imports by eminent sports persons for training and imports certified by the apex body in relation to golf, as for use in championship|competition are completely exemped from duties under various exemption notifications. For persons who are not entitled to avail of the aforesaid exemptions, the rate of duty on golf clubs and balls imported as a part of baggage is 100 per cent advalorem. For imports otherwise than as a baggage the general rate of duty is 85 per cent advalorem.

(d) As regards duty free import of golf equipment, it is not possible to offer any comments, on account of ensuing budget.